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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Confirmation No. 5280
Takashi FUKUDA et al. : Docket No. 2000-1743A
Serial No. 09/741,434 : Group Art Unit 1756
Filed December 21, 2000 : Examiner M. Angebranndt

INFORMATION RECORDING METHOD

RESPONSE

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE
FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated August 5, 2002, please amend the present application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims:

A₁ SUB 1. (Amended) In a method for optical information recording by patternwise irradiating a thin film of a polymeric compound containing an azobenzene moiety with a first light beam falling in a first irradiation spot on the polymeric thin film to effect a morphological change of the polymeric thin film, the improvement which comprises simultaneously irradiating the polymeric thin film patternwise with a second light beam of substantially the same wavelength as the first light beam falling in a second irradiation spot, the diameter of the second irradiation spot being larger than the diameter of the first irradiation spot and the second irradiation spot enveloping the first irradiation spot.